Seekonk Veterans' Council						
10.5.2021		7:00pm		Senior Center Cafe		
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel					
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans' Council Meeting, Audio #025					
Chairman	Kevin Kugel					
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame					
Attendees	Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair) William Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russ Pion, Adam Tumlinson & LaNon Neary Other: James LaFlame (VSO), Joseph Raez & Mark Drapeau Absent: David Reis (w/o cause)					
Meeting Minutes						
Discussion	Meeting minutes for September 21st were approved.					
Action Items	Minutes to be sent to Town Clerk and posted on the town website					
Deadline	ASAP					
Agenda Topic						
	VSO Updat	tes				

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Agenda Topic			
	VSO Updates Continued		
Discussion	9. Kevin let Mark know that council i efforts in every way possible. 10. Jim said he can assist Mark with t put on pavers, as he has access to and hard copies.	he accuracy of the i	nformation
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Provide Council Members with proofs from Fast Signs		James	Upon Receiving

Agenda Topic	
	Holiday Festival
Discussion	 Kevin updated the Holiday Festival flyer and distributed it around to everyone. Our purchase price for 35 trees is set at \$20 a tree. The selling price will be \$35. Bill is working on getting lights donated. The flyer states that sponsors will be responsible for lights (because we don't have the donation in place yet). Consensus was that lights will be a nice bonus once we get them donated. Bill's efforts to get lights donated include; a \$150 gift card from Ocean State Job Lot (must get 501(c)(3) number) and lights must be purchased from Job Lot, Walmart Manager has committed to helping in some manner, Home Depot continually requires new letters with additional information (which is a hassle), Big Lots and Lowe's hasn't got back to Bill yet, and Target is passing it off to Human Resources. Jim stated if additional funds are needed after any donations, they may be purchased with the VSO gift account. The council discussed white lights vs. colored lights, figuring they should all be the same because stringing the lights for everyone's preference may be difficult to manage. Mo suggested purchasing LED lights because they draw less power. Russ suggested good quality zip ties will be needed to secure the trees in place. LaNon suggested giving sponsors their tree number as they pay for the tree, thus eliminating confusion as to what tree is theirs.
Holiday Festival o	continued ↓

9. Kevin recommended 12"x12" polycor signs for sponsor's dedication information. Sponsors could use a marker to write their own information, meaning we wouldn't be responsible for misspellings. 10. Mo suggested we could put the sponsor's tree number on the back of each sign, in addition to a toe tag that was suggested earlier. 11. If Kevin purchases the signs, Jim can get him a vendor number with the town so we can reimburse through the gift account. 12. Bill will notify the tree vendor to increase the number of trees to 35 trees. 13. Jim will confirm with DPW that they will be able to put the rebar in place.

Agenda Topic					
	Veterans' Day Ceremony and Rolling Parade				
Discussion	 The only invited ceremony participants that haven't confirmed are Congressman Auchincloss and Senator Feeney, knowing that they will likely confirm much closer to the event as they are juggling offers from many other towns. The Army Band has not committed yet, Jim will try to get the brass ensemble from Seekonk High School if the 215th AB can't perform at our ceremony. Kevin contacted Troop 1 Boy Scouts regarding a color guard for the ceremony. It was suggested they could also serve as escorts. For the rolling parade, Rick Levesque confirmed with Jim that he will have 5 military vehicles to participate. 				
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline		
 Map out proposed Rolling Parade route Secure music for the ceremony 		1. Kevin 2. Jim	ASAP		
Topic	Adjournment				
Motion made by Bill to adjourn, seconded by Adam and voted unanimously					